

REMARKS

Claims 36-39, 48, and 94 have previously been cancelled. Claims 1-35, 40-47, 49-53, 66-80, 90, 92, 93, 95, and 103 are cancelled via the present amendment. The claims remaining in the application are 54-65, 81-89, 91, and 96-102.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-3, 6, 9-12, 14-35, 40-44, 47, 49-51, 78-82, 84-89, and 91 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Hyatt (U.S. 4,672,457). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-5, 6, 9-12, 14-35, 40-44, 47, 49-51, 78-82, 84-89, 91, and 103 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Ramanujan et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0035123). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 7-8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Ramanujan et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0035123), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Pasch (U.S. 5,055,871). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 45 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Ramanujan et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0035123), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Biesinger et al. (U.S. 5,502,532). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 52-53, 90, 92-93, and 95 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Ramanujan et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0035123), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hisaaki (U.S. 5,438,345). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 66-77 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramanujan et al. (U.S. 6,215,547) in view of Hirao et al. (U.S. 5,887,236). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action has allowed claims 54-65 and 96-102.

The Office Action has objected to claim 83.

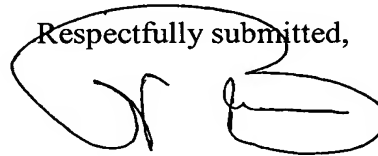
CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

In conclusion, none of the prior art cited by the Office Action discloses the limitations of the claims of the present invention, either individually or in combination. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

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